Applies To: **1998–02 Accord** – See VEHICLES AFFECTED

June 25, 2002

Seat-Back Panel Is Loose or Detached

(Supersedes 02-010, dated March 19, 2002)

SYMPTOM

The front seat-back panel comes loose or is detached.

PROBABLE CAUSE

The back panel clip mounting bosses are deformed or broken.

VEHICLES AFFECTED

1998–01: All vehicles with seat-back panels that have a pocket

2002:

U.S. Production with seat-back panels that have a pocket

From VIN 1HGCG1...2A000001 thru 1HGCG1...2A039004

From VIN 1HGCG2...2A00001 thru 1HGCG2...2A012294

From VIN 1HGCG3...2A000001 thru 1HGCG3...2A010384

From VIN 1HGCG5...2A000001 thru 1HGCG5...2A057151

From VIN 1HGCG6...2A000001 thru 1HGCG6...2A057030

From VIN 1HGCG8...2A000001 thru 1HGCG8...2A056824

Japan Production (VIN begins with JHMCG) – All with seat-back panels that have a pocket

Mexico Production (VIN begins with 3HGCG) – All with seat-back panels that have a pocket

CORRECTIVE ACTION

Install a seat-back panel bracket.

PARTS INFORMATION

Seat-Back Panel Repair Kit (repairs one seat-back):
P/N 81128-S0K-999, H/C 7064421

Seat-Back Panel Clips (two required per kit):
P/N 91566-SP0-003, H/C 3677440

WARRANTY CLAIM INFORMATION

NOTE: Vehicles with seat-back panels that do not have a pocket are not covered under this Service Bulletin. For these vehicles, refer to the parts catalog for the appropriate part number, and use operation number 860101 (left side) and/or 862101 (right side).

In warranty: The normal warranty applies.

Operation Number:	860104 (one side) A (additional side)
Flat Rate Time:	0.5 hour – one side 1.0 hour – both sides
Failed Part:	P/N 81128-S87-A62ZE H/C 6229728
Defect Code:	061
Contention Code:	A02
Template ID:	02-010A (one side) 02-010B (both sides)
Skill Level:	Repair Technician

Out of warranty: Any repair performed after warranty expiration may be eligible for goodwill consideration by the District Parts and Service Manager or your Zone Office. You must request consideration, and get a decision, before starting work.

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Skill Level R REPAIR

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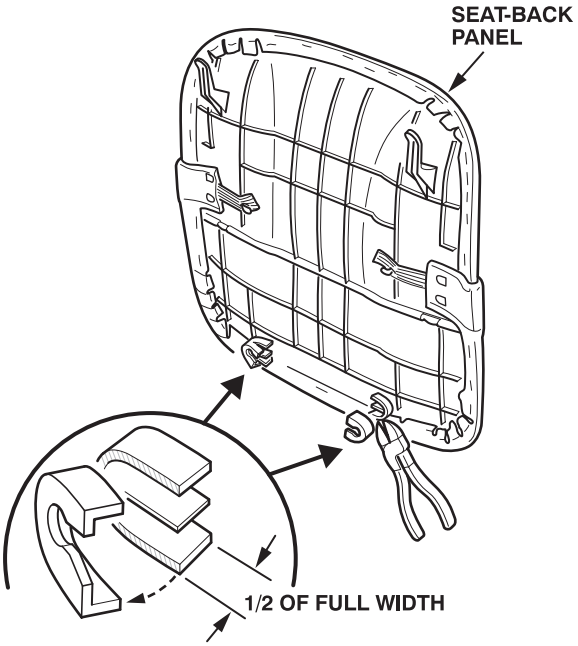
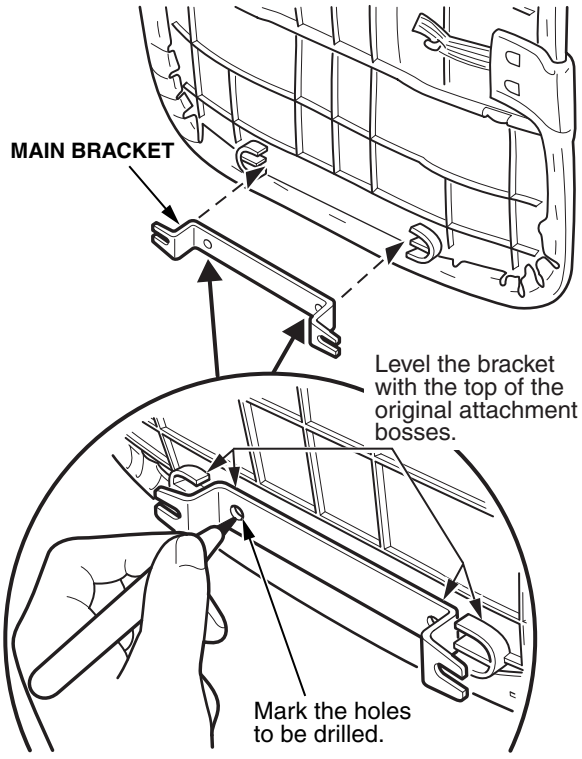
REPAIR PROCEDURE

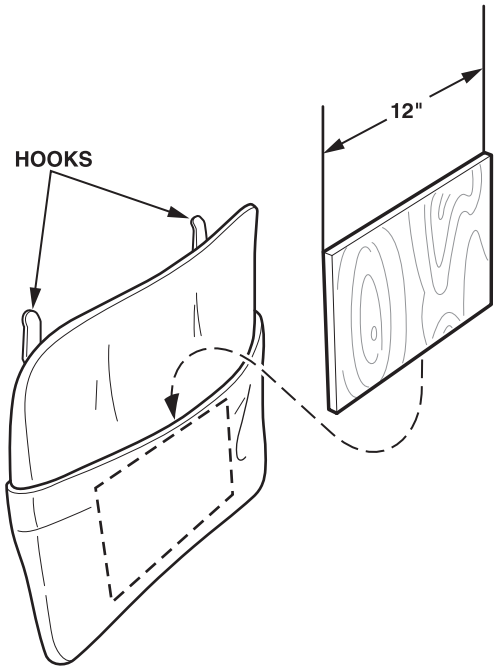
1. Remove the loose or detached back panel.
2. Use diagonal cutters to cut off the original attachment bosses at about one-half their width.



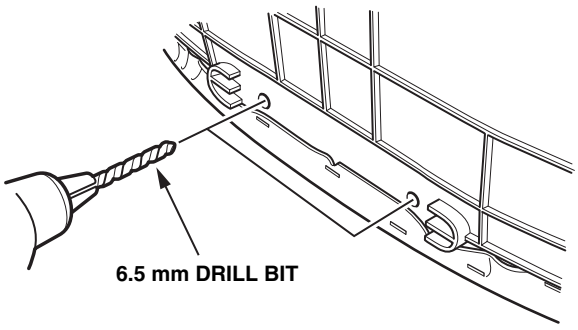
3. Position the new main bracket between the original attachment bosses, align the top of the main bracket to the top of the original attachment bosses, and mark the holes.



4. Put a thin piece of wood or metal, about 12 inches wide and less than 3/8 inch thick, into the seat-back pocket to prevent the drill from puncturing the seat-back pocket.

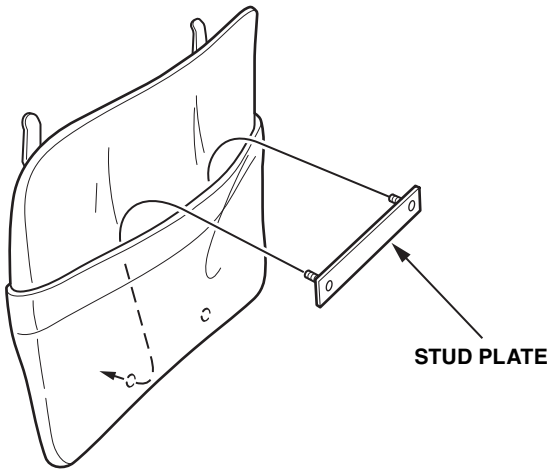


5. While wearing eye protection, use a 6.5 mm (0.257 inch) drill bit to drill two holes where you made the marks in step 3.

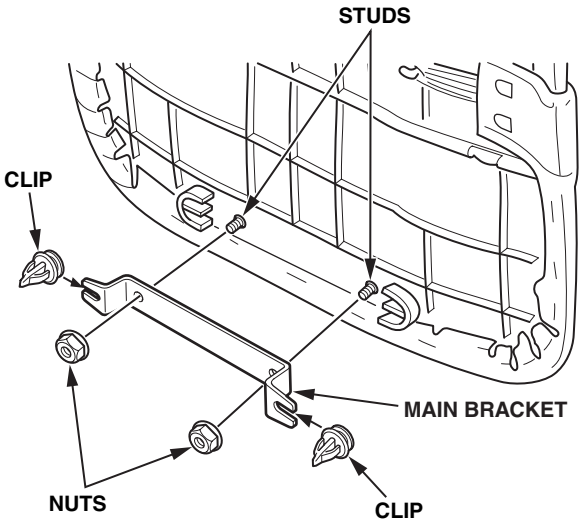


6. Remove the piece of wood or metal from the pocket.

7. Slip the stud plate into the back panel pocket and into the holes you drilled in step 5.



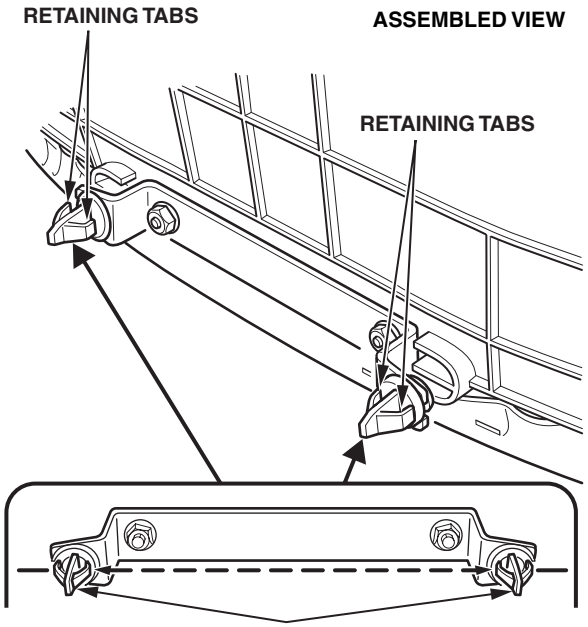
8. Install the main bracket onto the studs. Torque the mounting nuts to 12 N·m (8.7 lb-ft).



9. Install two new plastic clips into the bracket slots, and fully seat them.

10. Rotate the clips until the retaining tabs are horizontal.

    NOTE: If you do not do this, the clips may not fully seat into the retaining holes in the seat.



11. Install the seat-back panel by setting the hooks (at the top of the seat-back panel) into the slots in the seat. Push the seat-back panel upward, align the seat-back panel clips so they align with the retaining holes in the seat-back, then push the bottom of the panel inward.